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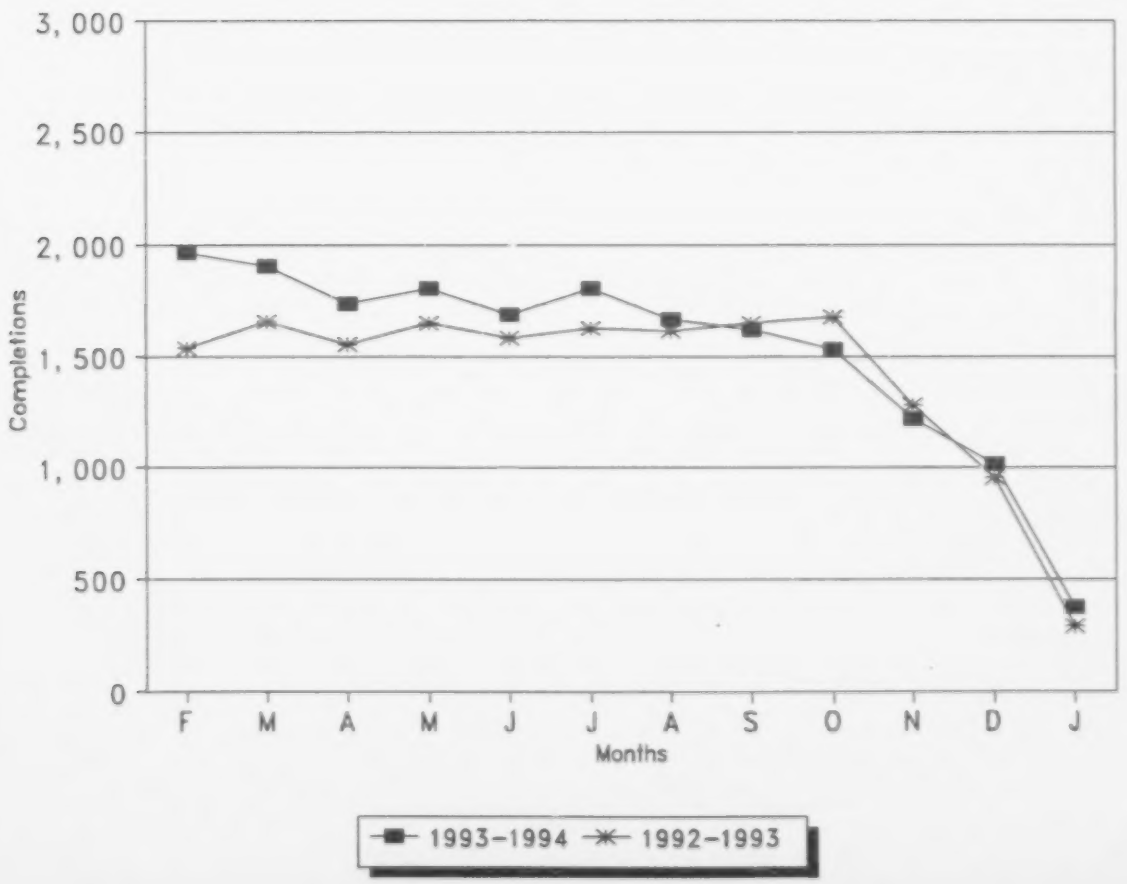
# MONTHLY COMPLETION REPORT FOR U.S. OIL, GAS, AND DRY WELLS

As a result of a time lag between the time a well is completed and the time its completion is reported, the published numbers do not reflect the total number of wells actually completed. Consequently, the data is preliminary and subject to revision. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions reported for the current month and each of the eleven prior months (Table I). For comparison purposes, the same period reported one year ago is also included.

The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests as well as service wells. The geographic distribution for well completions and footage drilled is available on a quarterly basis, in the API publication entitled the **"Quarterly Completion Report"**.

## Total Wells Completed



## TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JANUARY 1994(1)

| | OIL WELLS(2) | | GAS WELLS | | DRY HOLES | | TOTAL OIL, GAS & DRY HOLES | | TOTAL ALL WELLS(4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Wells | Footage | Wells | Footage | Wells | Footage | Wells | Footage | Wells | Footage |
| TOTAL 1994 | 130 | 816,418 | 76 | 596,229 | 169 | 1,063,594 | 375 | 2,476,241 | 378 | 2,489,318 |
| 1994: JAN | 130 | 816,418 | 76 | 596,229 | 169 | 1,063,594 | 375 | 2,476,241 | 378 | 2,489,318 |
| TOTAL 1993 | 6,977 | 38,582,378 | 7,101 | 45,142,331 | 5,887 | 30,949,442 | 19,965 | 114,674,151 | 20,502 | 116,709,403 |
| 1993: DEC | 362 | 2,257,356 | 276 | 2,044,426 | 381 | 2,199,311 | 1,019 | 6,501,093 | 1,037 | 6,564,466 |
| NOV | 476 | 3,021,316 | 348 | 2,456,182 | 392 | 2,183,374 | 1,216 | 7,660,872 | 1,235 | 7,753,080 |
| OCT | 552 | 3,241,430 | 525 | 3,400,629 | 452 | 2,378,239 | 1,529 | 9,020,298 | 1,564 | 9,173,649 |
| SEP | 581 | 3,268,742 | 496 | 3,048,555 | 544 | 2,856,552 | 1,621 | 9,173,849 | 1,684 | 9,426,866 |
| AUG | 632 | 3,157,351 | 505 | 3,258,710 | 525 | 2,774,239 | 1,662 | 9,190,300 | 1,719 | 9,415,094 |
| JUL | 652 | 3,738,247 | 469 | 3,035,266 | 684 | 3,244,284 | 1,805 | 10,017,797 | 1,846 | 10,227,038 |
| JUN | 604 | 3,470,889 | 549 | 3,347,357 | 533 | 2,704,699 | 1,686 | 9,522,945 | 1,736 | 9,725,886 |
| MAY | 619 | 3,103,922 | 619 | 4,044,282 | 568 | 2,903,306 | 1,806 | 10,051,510 | 1,851 | 10,206,270 |
| APR | 598 | 3,268,877 | 613 | 4,410,484 | 525 | 2,754,614 | 1,736 | 10,433,975 | 1,796 | 10,611,361 |
| MAR | 648 | 3,252,740 | 869 | 5,525,541 | 388 | 2,158,569 | 1,905 | 10,936,850 | 1,967 | 11,126,644 |
| FEB | 591 | 3,161,723 | 905 | 5,253,869 | 471 | 2,559,798 | 1,967 | 10,975,390 | 2,009 | 11,122,499 |
| JAN | 662 | 3,639,785 | 927 | 5,317,030 | 424 | 2,232,457 | 2,013 | 11,189,272 | 2,058 | 11,356,550 |
| TOTAL 1992 | 8,654 | 44,408,152 | 7,551 | 43,009,433 | 6,300 | 32,117,922 | 22,505 | 119,535,507 | 23,482 | 121,820,911 |
| 1992: DEC | 786 | 4,110,446 | 933 | 5,173,414 | 454 | 2,463,484 | 2,173 | 11,747,344 | 2,283 | 11,960,192 |
| NOV | 726 | 3,784,329 | 877 | 5,141,337 | 481 | 2,493,581 | 2,084 | 11,419,247 | 2,144 | 11,601,605 |
| OCT | 807 | 3,815,361 | 895 | 5,087,055 | 564 | 2,893,337 | 2,266 | 11,795,753 | 2,352 | 11,985,941 |
| SEP | 792 | 3,980,500 | 633 | 3,637,591 | 561 | 2,950,007 | 1,986 | 10,568,098 | 2,055 | 10,723,585 |
| AUG | 662 | 3,321,021 | 597 | 3,430,585 | 590 | 2,880,690 | 1,849 | 9,632,296 | 1,905 | 9,736,526 |
| JUL | 716 | 3,687,910 | 534 | 2,985,795 | 556 | 2,684,890 | 1,806 | 9,358,595 | 1,863 | 9,475,791 |
| JUN | 677 | 3,529,929 | 496 | 2,894,229 | 513 | 2,511,534 | 1,686 | 8,935,692 | 1,733 | 9,070,161 |
| MAY | 677 | 3,603,582 | 460 | 2,772,861 | 614 | 2,930,116 | 1,751 | 9,306,559 | 1,817 | 9,502,334 |
| APR | 676 | 3,410,472 | 427 | 2,656,455 | 527 | 2,709,708 | 1,630 | 8,776,635 | 1,758 | 9,097,734 |
| MAR | 743 | 3,884,620 | 512 | 2,888,692 | 505 | 2,669,206 | 1,760 | 9,442,518 | 1,865 | 9,612,090 |
| FEB | 616 | 3,219,554 | 576 | 2,989,595 | 428 | 2,282,000 | 1,620 | 8,491,149 | 1,726 | 8,775,052 |
| JAN | 776 | 4,060,428 | 611 | 3,351,824 | 507 | 2,649,369 | 1,894 | 10,061,621 | 1,981 | 10,279,900 |
| TOTAL 1991 | 11,747 | 54,281,226 | 9,031 | 47,710,527 | 7,681 | 39,501,366 | 28,459 | 141,493,119 | 29,645 | 144,438,817 |
| TOTAL 1990 | 12,085 | 54,189,922 | 10,512 | 53,881,765 | 8,466 | 43,501,702 | 31,063 | 151,573,389 | 31,914 | 153,874,894 |

See footnotes on page 5.

## TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR AS OF JANUARY 1994(1)

| | OIL WELLS(2) | | GAS WELLS(3) | | DRY HOLES | | TOTAL OIL, GAS & DRY HOLES | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Wells | Footage | Wells | Footage | Wells | Footage | Wells | Footage |
| TOTAL 1994 | 24 | 147,172 | 4 | 32,715 | 74 | 500,081 | 102 | 679,968 |
| 1994: JAN | 24 | 147,172 | 4 | 32,715 | 74 | 500,081 | 102 | 679,968 |
| TOTAL 1993 | 406 | 2,599,669 | 374 | 2,238,260 | 2,211 | 12,652,388 | 2,991 | 17,490,317 |
| 1993: DEC | 21 | 156,617 | 14 | 98,889 | 150 | 934,647 | 185 | 1,190,153 |
| NOV | 23 | 154,414 | 24 | 155,141 | 159 | 939,246 | 206 | 1,248,801 |
| OCT | 29 | 202,815 | 33 | 198,283 | 165 | 891,777 | 227 | 1,292,875 |
| SEP | 33 | 198,722 | 28 | 186,047 | 199 | 1,141,908 | 260 | 1,526,677 |
| AUG | 23 | 120,854 | 38 | 224,033 | 219 | 1,259,116 | 280 | 1,604,003 |
| JUL | 35 | 225,734 | 23 | 104,625 | 248 | 1,298,091 | 306 | 1,628,450 |
| JUN | 44 | 236,950 | 31 | 180,708 | 212 | 1,162,208 | 287 | 1,579,866 |
| MAY | 41 | 243,406 | 40 | 268,944 | 165 | 896,781 | 246 | 1,409,131 |
| APR | 47 | 303,178 | 27 | 169,868 | 204 | 1,215,255 | 278 | 1,688,301 |
| MAR | 31 | 214,950 | 32 | 190,810 | 170 | 1,068,804 | 233 | 1,474,564 |
| FEB | 31 | 212,997 | 46 | 248,015 | 166 | 980,436 | 243 | 1,441,448 |
| JAN | 48 | 329,032 | 38 | 212,897 | 154 | 864,119 | 240 | 1,406,048 |
| TOTAL 1992 | 496 | 3,206,338 | 386 | 2,319,645 | 2,586 | 13,867,490 | 3,468 | 19,393,473 |
| 1992: DEC | 26 | 167,674 | 34 | 167,668 | 164 | 958,345 | 224 | 1,293,687 |
| NOV | 39 | 252,338 | 40 | 224,920 | 166 | 952,346 | 245 | 1,429,604 |
| OCT | 46 | 297,870 | 37 | 235,462 | 213 | 1,108,747 | 296 | 1,642,079 |
| SEP | 37 | 249,999 | 21 | 105,288 | 228 | 1,216,541 | 286 | 1,571,828 |
| AUG | 45 | 290,370 | 35 | 179,825 | 249 | 1,262,124 | 329 | 1,732,319 |
| JUL | 49 | 289,941 | 36 | 219,366 | 266 | 1,374,017 | 351 | 1,883,324 |
| JUN | 48 | 324,300 | 35 | 234,882 | 211 | 1,154,414 | 294 | 1,713,596 |
| MAY | 40 | 277,594 | 26 | 149,542 | 249 | 1,200,378 | 315 | 1,627,514 |
| APR | 43 | 255,380 | 26 | 132,069 | 248 | 1,357,142 | 317 | 1,744,591 |
| MAR | 36 | 199,005 | 28 | 207,531 | 205 | 1,109,693 | 269 | 1,516,229 |
| FEB | 40 | 265,357 | 34 | 240,486 | 169 | 911,902 | 243 | 1,417,745 |
| JAN | 47 | 336,510 | 34 | 222,606 | 218 | 1,261,841 | 299 | 1,820,957 |
| TOTAL 1991 | 575 | 3,586,509 | 521 | 3,392,816 | 3,310 | 18,761,008 | 4,406 | 25,740,333 |
| TOTAL 1990 | 646 | 4,289,499 | 654 | 4,406,427 | 3,800 | 21,399,668 | 5,100 | 30,095,594 |

See footnotes on page 5.

## TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING JANUARY 1994

| | OIL WELLS(2) | | GAS WELLS(3) | | DRY HOLES | | TOTAL OIL, GAS & DRY HOLES | | TOTAL WELLS REPORTED CURRENT MONTH(4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Wells | Footage | Wells | Footage | Wells | Footage | Wells | Footage | Wells | Footage |
| TOTAL 1994 | 130 | 816,418 | 76 | 596,229 | 169 | 1,063,594 | 375 | 2,476,241 | 378 | 2,489,318 |
| 1994: JAN | 130 | 816,418 | 76 | 596,229 | 169 | 1,063,594 | 375 | 2,476,241 | 378 | 2,489,318 |
| TOTAL 1993 | 581 | 3,210,133 | 533 | 3,254,436 | 310 | 1,744,128 | 1,424 | 8,208,697 | 1,462 | 8,331,038 |
| 1993: DEC | 278 | 1,667,924 | 201 | 1,524,749 | 179 | 1,080,181 | 658 | 4,272,854 | 672 | 4,322,913 |
| NOV | 120 | 670,582 | 105 | 685,888 | 50 | 273,445 | 275 | 1,629,915 | 281 | 1,656,484 |
| OCT | 64 | 333,771 | 100 | 502,871 | 22 | 98,618 | 186 | 935,260 | 186 | 935,260 |
| SEP | 58 | 275,844 | 55 | 236,318 | 29 | 135,755 | 142 | 647,917 | 151 | 679,510 |
| AUG | 15 | 66,622 | 17 | 66,843 | 9 | 65,642 | 41 | 199,107 | 45 | 203,516 |
| JUL | 23 | 111,315 | 13 | 63,295 | 7 | 38,672 | 43 | 213,282 | 47 | 220,179 |
| JUN | 5 | 1,000 | 6 | 25,803 | 6 | 17,065 | 17 | 53,868 | 17 | 53,868 |
| MAY | 5 | 25,034 | 10 | 37,906 | 2 | 1,676 | 17 | 64,616 | 17 | 64,616 |
| APR | 5 | 7,685 | 9 | 46,606 | 3 | 13,428 | 17 | 67,719 | 17 | 67,719 |
| MAR | 7 | 36,252 | 5 | 33,952 | 1 | 7,340 | 13 | 77,544 | 14 | 80,358 |
| FEB | 1 | 4,104 | 4 | 9,151 | 2 | 12,306 | 7 | 25,561 | 7 | 25,561 |
| JAN | 0 | 0 | 8 | 21,054 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 21,054 | 8 | 21,054 |
| TOTAL 1992 | 19 | 43,306 | 24 | 79,880 | 17 | 46,748 | 60 | 169,934 | 67 | 180,931 |
| 1992: DEC | 3 | 8,266 | 7 | 19,208 | 2 | 7,256 | 12 | 34,730 | 12 | 34,730 |
| NOV | 2 | 3,603 | 8 | 34,696 | 1 | 1,920 | 11 | 40,219 | 13 | 48,287 |
| OCT | 5 | 3,656 | 3 | 6,727 | 5 | 8,530 | 13 | 18,913 | 17 | 20,772 |
| SEP | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3,926 | 4 | 18,879 | 5 | 22,805 | 5 | 22,805 |
| AUG | 2 | 14,268 | 1 | 2,800 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 17,068 | 3 | 17,068 |
| JUL | 1 | 32 | 2 | 11,761 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 11,793 | 3 | 11,793 |
| JUN | 1 | 5,539 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5,539 | 1 | 5,539 |
| MAY | 0 | 0 | 1 | 282 | 2 | 1,681 | 3 | 1,963 | 3 | 1,963 |
| APR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1,070 |
| MAR | 1 | 1,153 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6,642 | 3 | 7,795 | 3 | 7,795 |
| FEB | 1 | 869 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 869 | 1 | 869 |
| JAN | 3 | 5,920 | 1 | 480 | 1 | 1,840 | 5 | 8,240 | 5 | 8,240 |
| TOTAL 1991 | 11 | 15,327 | 8 | 25,519 | 17 | 30,648 | 36 | 71,494 | 39 | 79,168 |
| YRS PRIOR TO 1991 | 13 | 18,293 | 8 | 28,459 | 40 | 68,517 | 61 | 115,269 | 61 | 115,269 |
| TOTAL WELLS REPORTED(5) | 754 | 4,103,477 | 649 | 3,984,523 | 553 | 2,953,635 | 1,956 | 11,041,635 | 2,007 | 11,195,724 |

See footnotes on page 5.

**TABLE I AND TABLE II:**

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of January 31, 1994. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

**TABLE III:**

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period January 3, 1994 through January 31, 1994. The subtotals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.